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Claims 1 to 11, 13, 15 to 28, and 30 to 38 are pending in the present application. Claims 12 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 18, 19, and 34 to 38 are amended. Claim 19 was previously amended in the last reply to Office Action. However, claim 19 was marked in the claims listing as "previously presented." The amendment to claim 19 is resubmitted along with a correction to spelling.

Applicants acknowledge that the Office Actions sets forth claims 12 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Independent claim 18 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 29. Independent claims 34 to 38 are each amended to include subject matter consistent with the allowable subject matter of claims 12 and 29. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 18, and 34 to 38 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Claims 2 to 11, 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 28, and 30 to 33 each depend from one of the above referenced independent claims. Thus, each of claims 2 to 11, 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 28, and 30 to 33 are also patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is

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